

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2902 - SB 3207**

February 11, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a court or jury to consider a defendant's personal income when determining the amount of fine to impose.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

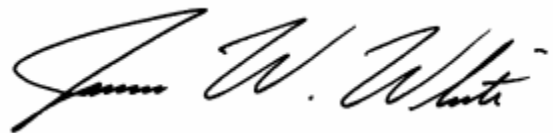
##### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$47,500**

##### Assumptions:

- Additional pages of trial transcript will be required for hearings. It is assumed that each hearing will require an average of 50 pages of transcript at three dollars per page, a cost of \$150 per hearing for transcripts. In addition, in counties that do not have a salaried court report, the reporter is paid by the State on a per diem basis (\$200 per day and \$100 per half-day). It is assumed that these hearings will require an average of one-half day. In those counties in which court reporters are paid by the State on a per diem basis, the total additional cost of each hearing will be \$250 (\$100 half-day per diem plus \$150 transcript costs).
- Additional hearings will occur in at least 100 cases per year state-wide in which a court reporter will be paid a per diem and a transcript cost will be incurred. These costs, which are paid by the State, will exceed \$25,000 (\$250 x 100). Additional hearings will occur in at least 150 cases per year state-wide in which the court reporter is on salary but transcript costs will be incurred. These costs, which are paid by the State, will exceed \$22,500 (\$150 x 150). The total cost to the State will exceed \$47,500.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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